

seventeen individuals this winter, in a wood just out of Oberlin. It is altogether inexplicable why they should have chosen this particular season in which to brave the climate, for the winter came on with early and unmistakable warning.

The following birds comprise the day's horizon—twenty-two species in all :

Bob-whites.	Bald Eagles.
Sparrow Hawk.	Horned Larks, 6.
Pigeon Hawk.	Goldfinches.
Barred Owl.	Song Sparrows.
Hairy Woodpeckers.	Tree Sparrows.
Downy Woodpeckers.	Tufted Titmice.
Red-headed Woodpeckers.	White-breasted Nuthatches.
Red-bellied Woodpeckers.	Red-breasted Nuthatch.
Flickers.	Chickadees.
Crows, 3.	Brown Creepers.
Blue Jays, 20.	Bluebird.
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DECEMBER HORIZONS.

GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS.

NORTHERN SHRIKE.—Not infrequently seen during the month.

TREE SPARROW.—Not uncommon in the woods.

DOWNY WOODPECKER.—Met with in woods.

HAIRY WOODPECKER.—Met with in woods.

AMERICAN ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK.—Seen several times soaring overhead.

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH.—Not uncommon.

AMERICAN CROW.—December 11. 108 Crows in two battalions of about fifty birds each going north-west at 3:15 P. M. This latter, however, is an every day occurrence during the winter roosting season of the Crow. In the early forenoon they pass over the village in a south-easterly direction, but in smaller companies, of from four to six individuals and upwards, and even single birds. There is said to be a small roost east of Elgin, fifteen miles north-west from here.

BLUE JAY.—Always in evidence.

HORNED LARK.—Occasionally seen in the fields.

RED-TAILED HAWK.—December 12. One seen in the woods was probably this species.

RUSTY GRACKLE.—December 18. One male at unfrozen water hole in the creek, or springs inlet.

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LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO.

In spite of the fact that winter set in very briskly and decidedly on November 25th, and that the cold endured for almost three weeks without cessation, the December horizon is unusually large this winter. The thirty-six species which compose it are given below in the order of their occurrence :

Dec. 3.—Blue Jay.

Flicker.

Golden-crowned Kinglet.

Hairy Woodpecker.

Song Sparrow.

Cedar-bird.

Junco.

Chickadee.

Tree Sparrow.

Downy Woodpecker.

Cardinal.

Goldfinch.

Red-headed Woodpecker.

Red-bellied Woodpecker.

White-breasted Nuthatch.

Am. Rough-legged Buzzard.

Screech Owl.

Long-eared Owl.

Tufted Titmouse.

Brown Creeper.

Dec. 5.—Horned Lark.

Dec. 8.—Sparrow Hawk.

Dec. 10.—Meadow Lark.

Bob-white.

Dec. 17.—Red-tailed Hawk.

Dec. 22.—Crow.

Red-breasted Nuthatch.

Bluebird.

Pigeon Hawk.

Barred Owl.

Bald Eagle.

Dec. 28.—Snowflake.

Lapland Longspur.

Prairie Horned Lark.

Red-shouldered Hawk.

Golden Eagle.

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MERIDIAN, DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

WINTER VISITANTS.

AMERICAN GOSHAWK.—Twelve seen.

GOLDEN EAGLE.—One seen December 11.

ARCTIC HORNED OWL.—One, nearly white, seen December 2 and 3. This is the only one observed in Wisconsin.

AMERICAN HAWK OWL.—One taken December 10. The first seen in in five years.

EVENING GROSBEAK.—Abundant in all suitable places.

AMERICAN CROSSBILL.—A flock of about twenty individuals as seen daily from December 2 to 10.

REDPOLL.—Several small flocks seen during the month.

SNOWFLAKE.—Three small flocks seen. Less than usual.

BOHEMIAN WAXWING.—About forty individuals visited the cedar trees in a neighbor's yard from November 28 to December 5.

NORTHERN SHRIKE.—Three seen. A regular winter visitant in small numbers.

RESIDENT.

BOB-WHITE.—Three small covies seen. Less than usual.

RUFFED GROUSE.—Five observed. Less than usual.

PRAIRIE HEN.—A covey of about thirty visited a corn field near by about every day. About as abundant as usual.

BARRED OWL.—One seen December 19.

GREAT HORNED OWL.—Eight observed.

HAIRY WOODPECKER.—Seen every day.

DOWNY WOODPECKER.—Four seen. Rare in winter, common in summer.

PILEATED WOODPECKER.—Three seen December 19. Regular resident in small numbers.

BLUE JAY.—Abundant everywhere.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH.—One small flock observed.

BROWN CREEPER.—Several observed.

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH.—Abundant in all woodlands.

CHICKADEE.—Abundant. Associates with White-breasted Nuthatch and Downy Woodpecker.

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GENERAL NOTES.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO, *Vireo philadelphicus*.—I shot a fine plumaged female about 7:15 A. M., September 19, 1898. It flew from the clearing side into a young hickory tree—which stood out in the sweet fern, detached from the woods, and disappeared in the foliage, soon coming in